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PARAGUAY is governed under a constitution which is strikingly similar to that of the United States.

PHILADELPHIA has an organized charity which supplies to the poor at actual cost, sterilized milk and prepared infants' food.

If you want to see the highest light-house on the American coast go to Cape Henry, Va. The structure is 105 feet in height, built wholly of iron.

CALIFORNIA has one of the most remarkable timber belts in the world, embracing 4,125 square miles and containing 132,000,000,000 feet of lumber.

The edible dogs in China are known by their bluish tongues. They never bark and are very taciturn. Four and a half millions are slaughtered annually to titillate the palates of the celestials.

An ambitious engineer in Pittsburgh wants to lay a pipe line from that city to the nearest point on the Atlantic coast for the purpose of supplying the people of western Pennsylvania with sea water for bathing purposes.

SENATOR RANSOM, of North Carolina, has made but one speech during his fifteen years of service in the senate. Before he was sent to Washington he had the reputation in his home state of being a fine orator. He gave up being eloquent, he says, on account of a tendency to heart disease.

A SHARI' advertiser, who offered for a small sum to supply women with cheap saris, was arrested for that purpose in Boston for missing the mails. He sent two rubber bands to each inquirer with the advice: "See one end to the hat and fasten the other end behind one of your ears."

WONDER is sometimes expressed as to where all the bicycles made each year are sold. To answer this question Hardware says that in a certain little town in Ohio, which possesses a population of about 1,100, there are sixty bicycles owned. Then multiply that town by the whole United States.

In a patent case in New York recently one of the lawyers consumed two days in describing the differences between two scientific appliances. When he had finished the judge quietly said to him: "Now, Mr. , you will please tell us what is the difference?" The lawyer, it is said, hasn't recovered yet.

The three Winter brothers, of Berks, Pa., whose combined ages make 270 years, are outdone in this respect by three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Ewing, aged 92, Mrs. Elizabeth Zell, 94, and Mrs. Martha Morrison, 97, who live in Lancaster, in the same state. Their combined ages amount to thirteen years more than the aggregate of the Winter brothers' ages.

SINCE 1848, a period of twenty-five years, there have been but 202 divorces granted in Canada. The explanation given is that they cost too much. In all but two or three of the provinces parliament passes on the question, no court being authorized to grant legal separations, and only the wealthiest can afford the expense of the preliminary hearings. They are now clamoring for easier roads to legal separation.

REV. E. P. BLODGETT, of Greenwich, Mass., said to be the oldest pastor in point of service in the United States, with one exception, preached his farewell sermon to his congregation recently. He has been pastor of the Greenwich church for fifty-one years. During forty-three years of his pastorate he was absent from his pulpit only once. He has officiated at the funerals of 650 persons, over 100 more than the present population of the town.

The gentle President Madison was no sportsman. His ways were those of a student, and he lived the simple life of a country gentleman without engaging in any of the sports that interested his neighbors. His friend and mentor, Jefferson, who lived twenty-five miles away, was more versatile. He rode a great deal and much of his riding was for pleasure. It is probable that Jefferson did some shooting, but it is not recorded that he was a sportsman. Monroe was a constant horseback rider, and few horsemen ever passed him on the road. He kept good stock.

In the opinion of the St. Paul Globe the baseball season this year has been the poorest ever known. In none of the western cities has the attendance paid expenses, while in the east, although greater interest is maintained, the returns have been far less than heretofore. It is very evident that the days when fortunes were made out of a season's work by a ball club are over, and that the public demands either better playing or a change of game. Baseball is no longer the national game, for the nation has repudiated it and will never again take it back into favor.

The Indian of this country is in danger of becoming too much Americanized, according to the meaning which a certain element in this country gets out of that word. In its attempt to contribute to the comfort of its red wards the government furnished them with baking powder and other articles in use by the whites. A few days ago the head cook of one of the Indian homes mistook a box of baking powder and used it in the bread. Fifteen boarders partook of the bread and are no more. In consequence the order has gone forth to boycott all baking powder on the reservation.

A DISCOVERY of great scientific interest has been made in excavations being carried on in the district of Tlaxiaco, state of Oaxaca, Mexico. A number of small images, formed in metal, were uncovered by workmen digging in one of the oldest ruins. These images are said to represent people of Oriental appearance—in Chinese or Japanese dress—some of them resembling Buddhist priests in their robes of sacrifice. They bear hieroglyphics of unknown characters, and are elaborately wrought with fine art lines shown in every curve. They are to be sent to the City of Mexico.

Epitome of the Week.

INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.
Regular Session.
TUESDAY, Aug. 28.—The last day of the second session of the Fifty-third congress was attended by just a score of senators. The committee appointed to call upon the president announced he had no further communication to make to congress. Resolutions of thanks were tendered Vice President Stevenson and the senate adjourned sine die. In the house the resignation of Representative Gates, recently elected governor of Alabama, to take effect December 2, was presented. The committee appointed to wait upon the president reported that the president had no further communication to make to congress, and the speaker declared the second session of the Fifty-third congress adjourned.

FROM WASHINGTON.
STATISTICS from the census office show that nearly one-half the families in the United States own their own homes.

EXCHANGES at the leading clearing houses in the United States during the week ended on the 31st ult. aggregated \$74,230,241, against \$813,498,631 the previous week. The decrease, compared with the corresponding week in 1905, was 14.4.

In the United States there were 168 business failures in the seven days ended on the 31st ult., against 283 the week previous and 253 in the corresponding time in 1905.

The supreme assembly of the Pythian Sisterhood in convocation at Washington elected Mrs. George Bonis, of Worcester, Mass., as supreme chancellor. The Pythian Sisters elected Mrs. Ida M. Weaver, of Des Moines, Ia., as supreme chief.

TOTAL receipts from all sources at the treasury during August amounted to \$41,021,530, and the disbursements to \$31,688,804, leaving a surplus for the month of \$9,332,726.

WHISKY men will refuse to pay the new tax, claiming that the increase was illegal, and will appeal to the supreme court.

The public debt decreased \$17,133,651 during August.

THE EAST.
THE Brooklyn (N. Y.) biscuit works were burned, the loss being over \$200,000.

At Beverly Farms, near Boston, Oliver Wendell Holmes celebrated his 81st birthday.

In a tenement house fire in New York City Mercio Levine, aged 53; Joseph Levine, aged 18, and Elias Levine, aged 16, perished.

At East Northfield, Mass., William Revell Moody, eldest son of the revivalist, was married to Miss Mary Whitte, eldest daughter of Maj. D. W. Whitte.

THE president arrived at Buzzard's Bay, Mass., where he will spend a brief vacation.

THE eastward and westward Atlantic records were broken, the former by the Campania, which made the trip from New York to Queenstown in 5 days 10 hours and 47 minutes, the latter by the Lucania, which made the trip from Queenstown to New York in 5 days 8 hours and 58 minutes.

NEW CASTLE, Pa., was literally flooded with counterfeit quarters and dimes.

EX-VICE PRESIDENT MORRIS, in an open letter to the republicans of New York announced his candidacy for the gubernatorial nomination.

PERCENTAGES of the baseball clubs in the national league for the week ended on the 1st were: Baltimore, .609; Boston, .636; New York, .636; Philadelphia, .591; Brooklyn, .542; Cleveland, .534; Pittsburgh, .491; Chicago, .463; Cincinnati, .455; St. Louis, .412; Washington, .345; Louisville, .292.

A NEW counterfeit two-dollar bank note on the Commercial national bank of Providence, R. I., was discovered.

IN Boston a smoker from forest fires heaped so dense that artificial light was necessary at noon.

AFTER a long illness Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks, famous as both soldier and statesman, died at Waltham, Mass., aged 78 years.

WEST AND SOUTH.
THE state of Tennessee was said to have been defrauded out of \$4,000,000 in taxes by derelict officials, and suits would be entered.

A VETERAN railroad man, John C. Gault, died in Chicago from paralysis, aged 66 years.

At Newburgh, Tex., E. D. McKitt, minus both legs and one arm, killed Mrs. Martin, who had left her husband in Arkansas, because she refused to marry him, and then took his own life.

FIRE destroyed the St. Denis hotel, two livery stables, and three residences at Columbus, Ind., the loss being nearly \$100,000.

At the death of an uncle in Wales, John Jones, an Elwood (Ind.) tin-plate worker, has fallen heir to \$4,000,000.

IN northern Wisconsin and Michigan forest fires continued to rage and in the former state several towns were endangered.

CRIMES that originated in the Brooks' Bros. lumber yard at St. Paul caused a loss of \$110,000.

THE congressional labor commission, after devoting fourteen days in Chicago to the investigation of the recent strike, adjourned to meet again in Washington September 26.

CONGRESSIONAL nominations were reported as follows: Iowa, Seventh district, J. R. Bancroft (dem.); Illinois, Sixth district, James J. Linahan (pop.); Tenth, John Olsen (dem.); Indiana, Twelfth district, Freeman Kelley (pop.); Wisconsin, Third district, C. M. Bullett (pop.); Fifth, S. B. Barney (rep.); Mississippi, First district, L. A. Brown, (pop.); Second, John C. Kyle (dem.) renominated; Tennessee, Eighth district, J. A. McComm (rep.); Texas, Thirteenth district, B. B. Kenyon (rep.).

THE firm of Parke & Lacey, dealers in machinery at Portland, Ore., failed for \$125,000.

THE Diamond Match company lost 90,000,000 feet of lumber by the forest fires in Michigan in the Trout creek district, and the Nester estate 20,000,000 feet.

ON a charge of stealing horses Mary Hopkins, once a society leader in Lawrence, Kan., was in jail at Guthrie, O. T.

PORT Wayne, Ind., Robert J. owned by C. J. Hamlin, of Buffalo, N. Y., broke the world's pacing record, making a mile in 2:03 1/2.

WHILE bathing in Silver Lake at Akron, O., Prof. D. E. Conant, instructor in the gymnasium of the University of Chicago, was drowned.

WILL McGRUFF, of Geneva, Ind., and Richard McGruff, of Chicago, Ill., celebrated their 90th birthday. They are said to be the oldest twins in the United States.

FIRE swept away the business portion of the village of Roberts, Ill. The oldest practicing lawyer in the village, Judge John E. Hanna, aged 90, died at his home in Macomb, Ill.

THE town of Uvalde, Tex., was inundated by the bursting of an artesian well and it was thought 200 persons were drowned. The property loss was estimated at \$1,500,000.

THE prohibitionists nominated a full ticket for state officers in Colorado, headed by George Richardson for governor.

NOMINEES for congress were selected as follows: Virginia, Eighth district, J. G. Mason (pop.). Texas, Fourth district, D. B. Culbertson (dem.) renominated. North Carolina, Third district, Cyrus Thompson (pop.); Sixth, O. H. Duckert (rep.).

THE death of Chaney Matthews, a negro 110 years of age, occurred at Little Rock. She was the oldest resident of Arkansas as far as known.

WHILE being taken to the jail at Millington, Tenn., six negroes who had been arrested on a charge of burning a school house, were shot by a mob.

THE first Bohemian Methodist church in the world was dedicated in Chicago with interesting ceremonies.

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Later Accounts from the Burned District in Minnesota.

GIVEN BY A REPORTER ON THE GROUND.

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Relief for the Fire Sufferers—An Indescribable Scene at Shell Lake, Wisconsin—Firebugs at Work and Several Arrested.

A Special Correspondent at the Scene of the Holocaust.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 3.—A special to the Morning Call from Hinckley, Minn., says: A Call reporter boarded the first train out of Pine City for Hinckley at 7 o'clock this morning. It was a work train, but carried many members of the different committees appointed at Pine City last evening.

As the train neared Mission Creek the first physical evidence of the great fire became apparent. The whole country was smogged. The telegraph wires were down, and the scene was one of desolation incarnate. Mission Creek was a small shanty surrounded by a potato patch. It was the only house standing, the depot buildings and the mill being out masses of smoking ruins.

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Relief for the Fire Sufferers—Refugees from Sandstone, Etc.
DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 3.—At 7:30 this morning the relief train which left here at 4:15 p. m. yesterday on the Duluth road returned with about 250 refugees who tramped in across country from Sandstone.

At 10:30 a train left here consisting of three coaches, a baggage car and two air-brake box cars, with a large amount of provisions for settlers in the vicinity of Rutledge.